

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-4, 6 and 8-21 are pending in the application.

Appreciation is expressed for the indicated allowability of Claims 1, 3-4, 6 and 8-21.

In the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants cite to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/118,538 ("the cited application"), commonly assigned to Siebel Systems, Inc. The cited application claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/820,337 (abandoned), which was filed on the same date as the present application. Therefore, Applicants submit that the cited application is not prior to the present Application.

Applicants further submit that the specification of the cited application is substantially the same as that of the present Application, but includes claims of differing scope. The cited application names Matthew S. Malden, John L. Coker, Do Joon Ra and Marc Catalbiano as inventors. While the cited application does not have the same inventive entity as the present Application, Applicants submit that the claimed inventions in both applications were subject to an obligation of assignment to Siebel Systems, Inc. and were, indeed, both assigned to Siebel Systems, Inc. upon filing.

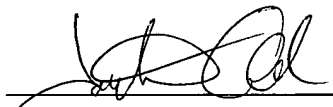
For these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited application does not render the present Application obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 103(c)(1); MPEP 804.03. Applicants submit that a double patenting rejection is not appropriate given the differing claim scope and the common filing dates of the present Application and the priority document of the cited application. *See* MPEP 804.03 (a

double-patenting rejection “prevents an organization from obtaining two or more patents with different expiration dates covering nearly identical subject matter.”).

### CONCLUSION

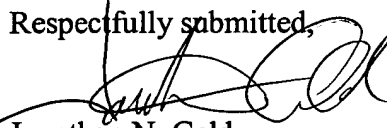
In view of the remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5090.

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